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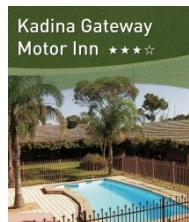


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President's Report

Welcome to the February newsletter.

At the recent 2015 SA/NT CAMS Awards Dinner, SAMROA was honoured to receive the Chaplains 'Above and Beyond' award. Darren Matiske collected this award on our behalf and I think his comments on Facebook sum it up - "..This is a huge honour and reflects the efforts of not only our current members, but also those who have helped shape SAMROA into the club we are today". Thank you to David and Narelle Vaughan, it really is an honour.

Congratulations to Lisa Totani on receiving the Junior Official of the Year Award. This is only the second year this award has been given out and SAMROA members have won it on both occasions!

Darren Matiske received a CAMS Service Award for his contributions to Motorsport. Darren has been on our committee for many years in a number of roles, and is always first to put his hand up to help out the club. However Darren's involvement goes far beyond SAMROA. He was instrumental in the development and the running of the Tarmac Junior Development Program, now an Association in its own right. These are only some examples of Darren's commitment to our sport. Congratulations Darren.

We're only weeks away from the beginning of our season. Events are on the member database, don't forget to put your name down early. The committee and T&CC are planning a shed clean up before we get underway. Whilst our shed wasn't damaged in the fires late last year, there is a fine layer of soot over everything. Thankfully the overalls and flags were taken out for cleaning at our last meeting so are unaffected.

Quite a number of our members are attending the Bathurst 12 Hour event this weekend. We wish them safe travels and lots of fun trackside.

Don't forget, we're holding meetings monthly on the SECOND Wednesday of the month at the CAMS office from 7.30pm. Next meeting will be on the 10th of February, hope to see you there!

Bronwen

Cover Photo: The people representing SAMROA at the recent CAMS SA and NT Awards Night

Page 4: Andrew will be able to build a Bentley in no time a superb effort recovering debris to prevent a full course yellow at the Bathurst 12 hour

Page 11: Andrew when he isn't collecting a Bentley, Flag Marshals of the world South Australia representatives at Bathurst 12 Hour (Lisa Totani)

Page 12: How many official does it take to undress a mannequin (Jodie Johnson)

From the Editors

Thanks for all the contributions to the newsletter for this month. The newsletter is usually published the Friday before a General meeting. **The March newsletter will be published on Friday 5th March. Early contributions would be very much appreciated any news, items of interest or photographs.** If you are trying to lay out a particular format, remember the newsletter is on an A5 page size.

Andrew & Thomas.



T&CC Report

Hi everyone, and welcome to the 2016 racing season! This year will be a wonderful year, filled with growth both on and off the track.

This year, the T&CC would like to help those wishing to expand on their current roles trackside and train more Seniors on point, new Starters, Form Up and Race Control personnel. We would also like to train a few new people in the Chief flag and Assistant Chief flag roles. If any of these sounds like something you would like to do, please get in contact with a member of the T&CC and we will help you to get to where you desire.

Our first 2 race meetings of the year are rapidly approaching. The first will be on February 20th for round 1 of the Masters of Mallala series; and the second being the first Superkart and Modern Regularity event of the year on February 28th. Both will be excellent opportunities to get rid of any cobwebs before the Clipsal 500 the following week. **The cut-off date for round 1 is on February 10th**, so please remember to get your name down on the database. Remember – it's easier to take your name off the gate list than it is to add it. If you do not have access to the database, please get in touch with a committee or T&CC member and we will add it for you.

As February is generally a very warm month, please don't forget that when you attend the track that you are prepared for the day with a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and lots of water and snacks for the day. Please also remember to hydrate with water for at least 2-3 days in advance – it's no good doing it on the day as you will already be dehydrated! And don't forget, if you don't feel well, please just let the Chief Flag know that you won't be out, we all understand that sometimes you just don't feel the best.

For all those, travelling to the Bathurst 12hour in a couple of weeks – have fun and play safe.

Well, that's it for the time being. I hope to see you all trackside in a few weeks for the first 2 events of the year before the Clipsal 500.

Jodie & the T&CC

Trade Discount at Ray's Outdoors

SAMROA is trade customer at Ray's outdoors, simply quote the Business name (South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association) or number D73564 at the register to get a significant discount. 28 stores nationwide, SA Stores at:

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Flag Marshals of the World (FMOTW) patches

I am taking orders for Flag Marshals of the World (FMOTW) patches for your overalls.
I have 5 large (13cmx7cm) available right now at \$10.00 each. Cash Only.

Small ones (5cm x 9cm) also available but will need to be ordered in.

If interested please let me know –
caela.sims@gmail.com

For more information about FMOTW see
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/91128600751/>



Happy Birthday!

The following members have, or are celebrating birthdays
in February...Shaun Doecke (5th), Steve Clift (6th)

Lisette Hutchins (7th)

Shaun Halliday (13th), Peter Stevens (22nd),

Bradley Morrison (22nd) and John Stacey (25th)



2015 SA/NT CAMS AWARDS NIGHT WRAP UP

People from all disciplines of the motor racing community throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory gathered at Sfera's Function Centre last Saturday night to celebrate the achievements and efforts of competitors, volunteers and officials.

All members of the SAMROA community should be congratulated for their contributions and professionalism throughout the year. Our efforts were rewarded with SAMROA taking home the Chaplins Award which recognises a clubs dedication to motorsport events, especially at grassroots level.

Darren Matiske was presented with a Service Award for his tireless efforts in organising and running the Tarmac Junior Development Program, involvement in training roles overseas such as the F1 Korean GP and contributions made in various committees.

I was also honoured to be recognised for State Junior Official of the Year. Motorsport has taken me to many places in a short period of time and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment spent with people who have shared their experience and knowledge with me which has enhanced learning and growth as an official.

Congratulations again to all nominees and award recipients for 2015.

Lisa Totani.

TRAINING TIPS

A reminder when doing your morning briefing with teams or with your senior marshal it is important to ask a few important things.

1. What grade of CAMS licence do you have?

It is important to check this due to the fact that marshals on Trainee licences are unable to go onto a hot track.

2. Do you have any medical conditions that I need to be aware of?

You should follow this up with if your fellow marshals are uncomfortable in reporting this to the whole team that you are more than happy for them to approach you later.

3. Do you have the appropriate protection from the elements / track?

Short sleeves and shorts are not great things to protect you on a rainy day and while they are good for ventilation on a hot day you should ensure that you slip, slop, slap.

Furthermore, marshals should wear the appropriate overalls, gloves and protective gear to ensure they arrive home the way they left.

The point is to adapt to the conditions, whether it is a 40-degree day where you need to keep cool and drink water to a 14-degree day with a strong breeze and showers where rain gear and warm clothes are essential to prevent hypothermia.

Mallala is very well renowned for having 4 seasons in one day so ensure you check the forecast and prepare yourself the night before.

4. Flags and Hand Signals

It may seem silly but as we re-enter the motorsport season it is always good to reaffirm with people the different flags. And a great time to test the skills in regards to hand signals, communications and a few mock scenarios to prepare people for the day ahead.

2016 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR

20 February	Master of Mallala Series Round 1
28 February	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
3 – 6 March	Clipsal 500 Adelaide^
17 – 20 March	Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix Melbourne*
10 April	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
23 – 24 April	Mallala Historic Race Meeting
1 May	Peter Hall Memorial Six Hour Regularity
15 May 2015	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
22 – 23 May	Master of Mallala Series Round 2
17 – 19 June	V8 Supercars Hidden Valley Darwin*
3 July	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
7 August	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Reg State Championship
20 – 21 August	Master of Mallala Series Round 3
2 – 4 September	Scouts Rally SA - ARC Round 5*
11 September	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity

2016 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR...

6 – 8 October	V8 Supercars Bathurst*
13 – 15 October	Classic Adelaide Rally*
14 – 16 October	Adelaide Motorsport Festival – Supersprint*
19 November	Master of Mallala Series Round 4
20 November	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity

*Events SAMROA are not involved in at a club level (members may attend as individuals)

^Whilst SAMROA members attend this event as individuals, the club does receive a financial donation for our attendance.



TRAINING TIPS

Allergies are a common issue for many people whilst there are particular triggers for some people if left untreated it can be serious if not threatening to someone's life.

Most people who have severe allergies have an epinephrine which they can use to inject and control the anaphylaxis but in a marshals' context it is important to be situationally aware of the team and ask the questions during your morning briefing on whether anyone has any medical conditions that you need to be aware of most will respond no but for the one or two that say yes it can be life-saving in the event of a medical emergency.

If you do see someone in distress it is important to get a communicator to report "Flag point ____ MEDICAL, MEDICAL, MEDICAL" (Repeated 3 times to ensure that if race control or any other communication marshal is able to hear and understand that you require assistance.

Once race control has acknowledged your call you may provide more information and your requirements so they can scramble the assistance required.

for more information on anaphylaxis please visit:

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/838198?src=stfb>



